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BY HER EXCELLENCY
MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2016-06

An Order Establishing the New Hampshire Cybersecurity Integration Center and
Executive Oversight Committee

WHEREAS, all New Hampshire state agencies have a responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to protected citizen information whether it is hosted and maintained by the State or by one of its agents; to protect against cyberattacks that could prevent authorized access to critical information; and to prevent against attacks that could deny the public access to public information; and

WHEREAS, safeguarding personal information requires uniform management across state government to protect the confidentiality, availability, and integrity of personal information maintained by state agencies, including social security numbers, financial account information, medical records, and other similar sensitive personal information; and

WHEREAS, identity theft is a serious crime that affects millions of Americans each year and costs consumers and businesses billions annually, and state agencies must help protect against identity theft and other misuses of personal information; and

WHEREAS, the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee (CAC) was established in 2011 to improve cybersecurity across State of New Hampshire government and its stakeholders by promoting awareness, developing effective policies and solutions, and obtaining supportive consensus for enterprise-wide initiatives that advance the cybersecurity of information assets and technology resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has undertaken a wide range of initiatives to improve cybersecurity, including replacing outdated and less secure computers and computer systems, updating security software, and implementing cybersecurity training for state employees; and

WHEREAS, uniform standards and monitoring of networks help mitigate the risk of a successful cyberattack; and

WHEREAS, the increasing number and complexity of cyberattacks demands heightened levels of coordination, information sharing, and emergency response across state agencies in order to protect computer networks and critical infrastructure systems from damage or unauthorized access;

NOW, THEREFORE, I MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution do hereby order as follows, effective immediately, that:

1. By December 1, 2016, the New Hampshire Department of Information Technology will establish and maintain within its agency the Cybersecurity Integration Center (NHCIC), which will serve as the unified state center for coordinating cybersecurity monitoring, sharing information, performing cybersecurity threat analysis, and promoting shared and real-time situational awareness between and among executive branch agencies and departments.
2. The NHCIC will be located within the Incident Planning and Operations Center managed by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and will integrate state employees from various agencies whose shared responsibilities include the monitoring of networks, sharing of information and situational awareness, and coordination of response, mitigation, and recovery efforts to protect against cyber attacks and secure private personal information.
3. All known or suspected cybersecurity incidents within state agencies, or within any vendor acting as an agent of the State be reported immediately to the NHCIC, disclosing all known information and interactions upon discovery.
4. The NHCIC Executive Oversight Committee (NHCIC OC) is created to oversee the operations of the NHCIC and the implementation of its strategic plan and governance.
 - a. The NHCIC OC shall be chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology.
 - b. Membership shall include the commissioners of the departments of administrative services, employment security, environmental services, health and human services, revenue administration, safety, and transportation; the executive director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification; the Adjutant General; the Attorney General; and the Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, representing the Governor's Office. Commissioners may appoint executive-level designees with the approval of the NHCIC OC Chair.

- c. The NHCIC OC shall meet as often as necessary to carry out the provisions of this executive order.
4. All executive departments and agencies shall identify and appoint an employee to spearhead all agency security matters including information security, confidentiality, privacy, and regulatory compliance, and to represent the agency on the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee (CAC).

Given at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 28th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and sixteen and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Margaret Wood", followed by a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE